

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 7 (AP)—A FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT MEMBER ACCUSED THE U. S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY TODAY OF INCHING CLOSER TO THE COMMUNISTS IN A FRENZIED SEARCH FOR "PEACE" BEFORE THE NEXT AMERICAN ELECTIONS.

THE CHARGE WAS MADE BY NUYNH SAU THONG, ONETIME CHIEF PRESS AIDE TO GEN. NGUYEN KHANH WHEN KHANH WAS PREMIER OF SOUTH VIET NAM. HIS STATEMENT WAS PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE YALE DAILY NEWS.

THONG, NOW A LECTURER IN VIETNAMESE AFFAIRS AT YALE UNIVERSITY, SAID THAT BEHIND THE BACK OF THE U. S. EMBASSY IN SAIGON, THE CIA WAS "CONDUCTING IN SOUTH VIET NAM THE LARGEST OPERATION IN ITS HISTORY TO BRING ABOUT A QUICK POLITICAL 'SETTLEMENT' OF THE WAR WITH THE COMMUNISTS, PREFERABLY BEFORE THE NEXT AMERICAN ELECTIONS."

HIS STATEMENT SAID THE CIA AND THE U. S. EMBASSY WORKED AT TIMES AT CROSS PURPOSES, PRESSURE BY CIA REPRESENTATIVES WAS EXERTED ON SAIGON POLITICIANS, AND CIA FIGURES EVEN MOUNTED A CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE FORMER U. S. AMBASSADOR, GEN. MAXWELL D. TAYLOR. HE ACCUSED THE CIA OF A DIPLOMATIC COUP IN REPLACING THE SAIGON AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, GEN. TRAN THIEN KHIEM, WITH VU VAN THAI, WHOM THONG DESCRIBES AS "A NEUTRALIST."

THONG IDENTIFIES HIMSELF AS REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES OF THE DAI VIET (NATIONALIST) PARTY OF SOUTH VIET NAM, AND AS CHIEF PRESS AIDE TO GEN. KHANH BETWEEN FEBRUARY AND MAY, 1964.

THE STATEMENT SAID THONG WAS LESS WORRIED ABOUT PEOPLE LIKE YALE PROF. STAUGHTON LYND, WHO UNDERTOOK AN UNAUTHORIZED PEACE MISSION TO COMMUNIST NORTH VIET NAM IN DECEMBER, THAN HE WAS ABOUT "AMBIGUOUS FRIENDS" WHO, IT SAID, "NOW ARE TRYING TO SHAPE THE DESTINY OF SOUTH VIET NAM TO THEIR OWN SATISFACTION."

"THE MEN IN CHARGE OF OPERATION DANE" (CAPS O'L D) ARE TWO OLD HANDS AT COVERT ACTIVITIES: U. S. AMBASSADOR WILLIAM PORTER AND SENIOR LIAISON OFFICER EDWARD L. LANSDALE," THONG SAID. "THEY ARE BACKED UP IN THIS COUNTRY BY SOMETHING THAT DUBS ITSELF 'AMERICAN FRIENDS OF VIET NAM'."

LANSDALE, WHOM THONG DESCRIBES AS CHIEF ARCHITECT OF A POLICY OF INCHING TOWARD THE COMMUNISTS, IS AMONG THOSE IN THE U. S. DELEGATION WITH PRESIDENT JOHNSON AT TALKS IN HONOLULU WITH THE LEADERS OF THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT, PREMIER NGUYEN CAO KY AND CHIEF OF STATE NGUYEN VAN THIEU.

LANSDALE IS KNOWN IN THE FAR EAST AS A COUNTER-INSURGENCY EXPERT WHO PLAYED A ROLE IN THE SUPPRESSION OF THE MUK COMMUNIST REBELLION IN THE PHILIPPINES AND, IN VIET NAM, IN HELPING SHAPE A PACIFICATION PROGRAM.

THONG ACCUSED PORTER OF SPONSORING RELIANCE ON THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT OF COL. HOUARI BOUTEFLIKE TO ARRANGE CONTACTS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS DURING PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S BOMBING-PAUSE PEACE OFFENSIVE. HE SAID "THERE ARE REASONS TO BELIEVE THAT TALKS COLLAPSED CHIEFLY BECAUSE WASHINGTON COULD NOT IN TIME 'PRODUCE' A GOVERNMENT IN SAIGON TO THE LIKING OF THE COMMUNISTS, E.G., A GOVERNMENT HEADED AGAIN BY DR. PHAN HUY QUAT."

QUAT HEADED A SORT OF CIVILIZED GOVERNMENT IN SAIGON FOR EIGHT MONTHS UNTIL THE MILITARY OUSTED HIM LAST JUNE.

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